

### Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda

The February 15, 2018 meeting of the State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education was called to order at 4:13 p.m. by President Dennis L. Loftus. The following members of the State Board were present: Dr. Dennis Loftus, President; Nina-Lou Bunting, Vice President; Barbara Rutt; Wali Rushdan, and Dr. Terry M. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Dr. Susan S. Bunting was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board, and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, also was present.

The Board's Agenda was posted on February 8; a motion was made by Mr. Rushdan, and seconded by Mrs. Rutt, to approve the agenda. Mrs. Bunting abstained. The motion passed by voice vote.

The minutes of the State Board's regular meeting of December 14, 2017 were approved as presented. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Bunting, and seconded by Mr. Rushdan. The motion passed by voice vote.

### Appeals and Reviews

A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and Seconded by Mr. Rushdan to enter Executive Session to discuss Students v. Smyrna School District -2017-10. The Board returned to open session, to deliberate. Mrs. Rutt made a motion to accept the Hearing Officers decision to reverse the decision made by the Smyrna School District, and was seconded by Mr. Rushdan. The motion passed by a vote of four "yes" and one "no".

| <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| Bunting    | Whittaker |
| Rushdan    |           |
| Rutt       |           |
| Loftus     |           |

A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt and Seconded by Mr. Rushdan to enter Executive Session to discuss Students v. Smyrna School District -2017-11. The Board returned to open session, to deliberate. Dr. Whittaker made a motion to accept the Hearing Officers decision to reverse the decision made by the Smyrna School District, and was seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Reports, Discussions, Public Comment, and Presentations

Board members discussed events and meetings in which they had been involved throughout the month during their monthly reports. Mrs. Bunting attended the JLOSC meeting and the Teacher of the Year advisory committee meeting. Mrs. Rutt attended the Delaware School Board Association meeting. Mr. Rushdan attended the WEIC meeting. Dr. Loftus attended the JLOSC meeting, visited Polytech High School and Milford High School to see showcases of new instructional programs being implemented that aim to reduce the remediation rate for students entering college. Mrs. Johnson also attended the events at Polytech and Milford High School, the TedX talks in Wilmington, and the Teach Delaware meeting.

Secretary Bunting provided a comprehensive report to the Board which included details about the JFC budget hearing; a presentation before the Combine House and Senate Education Committees, the approval of and signing of an MOU by the Christina School Board to address changes for five low performing schools in the non-contiguous portion of the district; an event highlighting the implementation of a program to address preparation of students in ELA and guarantee their opportunity

to enter credit bearing courses in Delaware colleges and universities; several school visits and opportunities to engage with members of the business community and other policy leaders; and meetings with school administrators, educators, and students in which she had been involved throughout the month. She also addressed the submission of a science assessment waiver from US ED requesting that since we are piloting the Next Generation Science Standards reflective of the new standards that our students not be required to also take the old science assessment. Additionally the Department has submitted an ESSA accountability amendment requesting that for a single year we be allowed to exclude the science and social studies assessment results from the state's accountability formula since both the science and social studies assessments are being piloted this spring. Lastly she shared that she joined Governor Carney and more than a hundred early childhood educators to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Delaware STARS program.

The SBE recognized Tami Lunsford, a teacher at Newark Charter School and winner of the Milken Educator award, with its order of excellence.

### **Department Regulations, Charter School Update, Professional Standards Board, Public Comment, and Adjournment**

There were two regulations for action, Regulation 1008 DIAA Junior High and Middle School Interscholastic Athletics, and Regulation 1009 DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt and seconded by Dr. Whittaker to approve Regulation 1008 as presented. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker and seconded by Mr. Rushdan to approve Regulation 1009. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There were no secretary only regulations nor were there any public comments on the regulations before the Board.

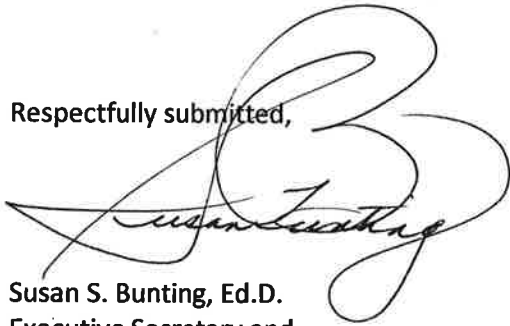
The monthly Charter School update was posted for information. It updated the Board on the current reviews and application evaluations underway by the Charter School Accountability Committee, including information on the Formal Review of Delaware Academy of Public Safety and Security, the new application from Sussex Montessori, and the request for a major modification from Design Lab High School and Academia Antonia Alonso. The Statewide Annual Charter School report was also presented for information.

The Professional Standards Board had two regulations, Regulation 1521 Elementary Teacher - for Publication, and Regulation 1515 - Professional Standards Board Hearing Procedures – for Action. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mrs. Rutt to approve Regulation 1515. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Additionally, Regulation 1521 Elementary Teacher was approved for publication and will be before the Board next month for discussion. It is out for public comment during the month of March.

Two members of the public addressed the Board during general public comment. They expressed gratitude to Denise Stouffer and the Charter School office as well as other members of the DDOE for the support to Providence Creek Academy following a recent tragedy involving the sudden death of a staff member. The supports and services made available to the Providence Creek staff and students to help with the grief following the tragic loss was incredibly helpful and appreciated.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Bunting and seconded by Mr. Rushdan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan S. Bunting'. The signature is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.  
Executive Secretary and  
Secretary of Education